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Micro Air Vehicles

“Alternative MAV Navigation, Missions and Configurations”

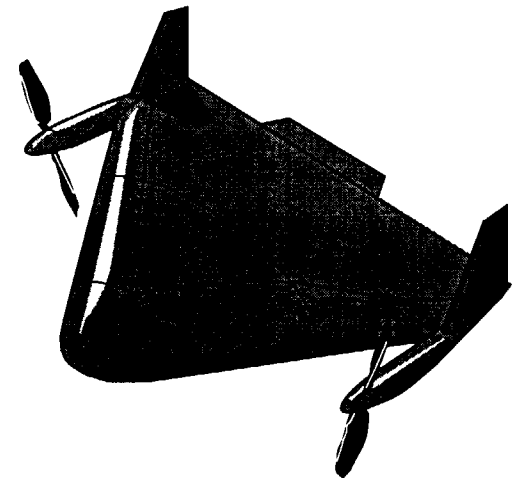
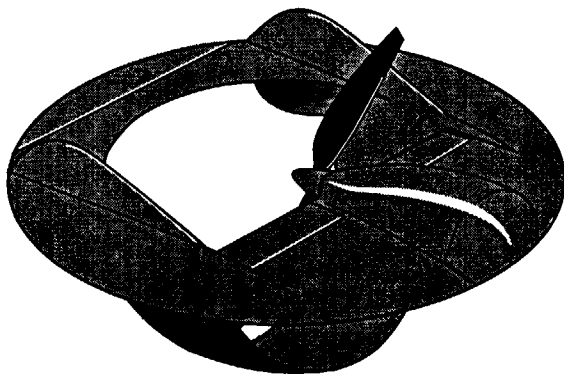
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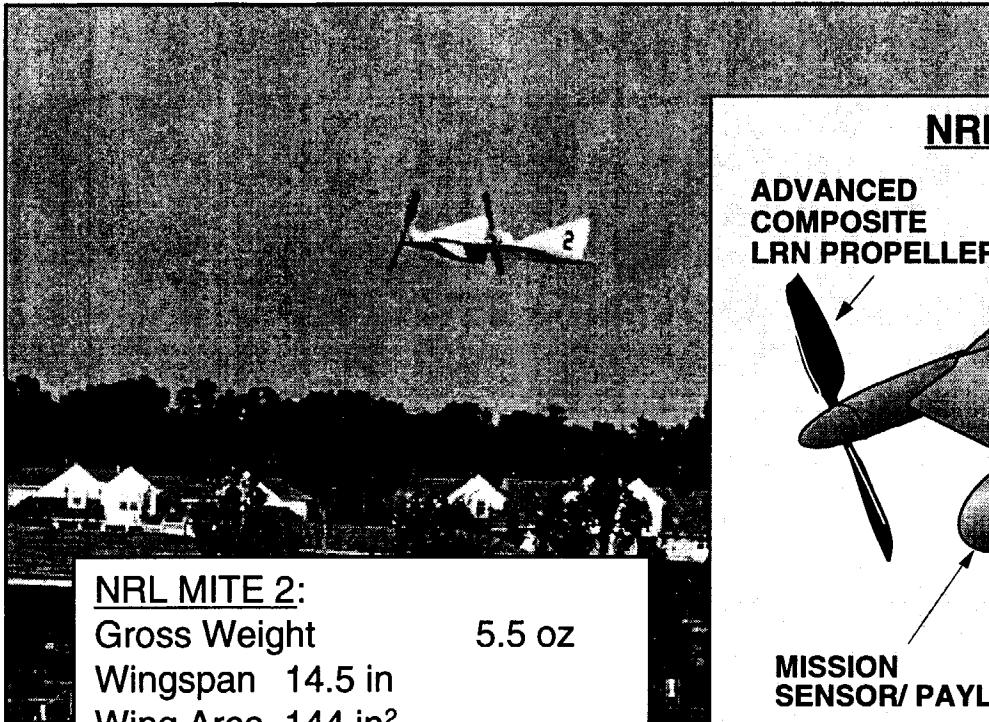




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MICRO TACTICAL EXPENDABLE

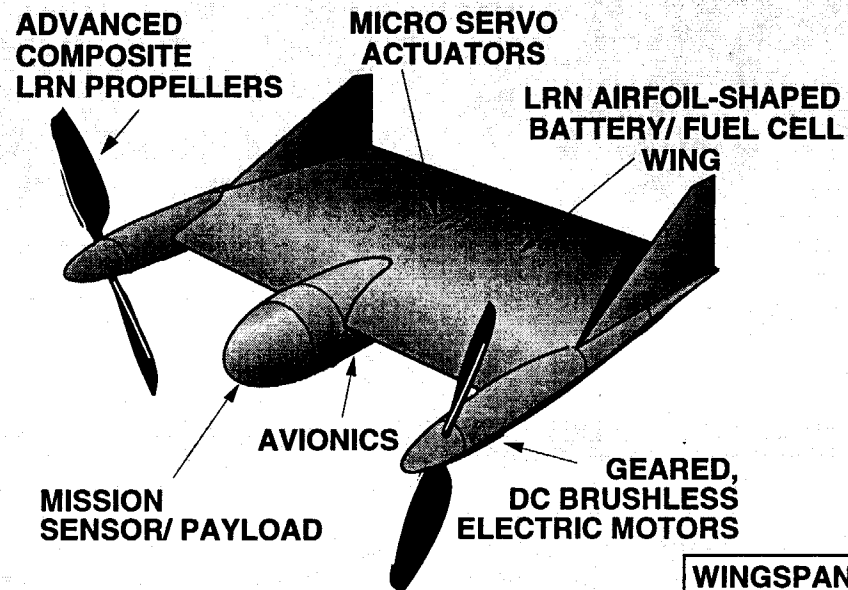
MITE



NRL MITE 2:

Gross Weight 5.5 oz
Wingspan 14.5 in
Wing Area 144 in²
Payload Weight ~ 1 oz
Speed ~ 15 mph
Control: R/C proportional

NRL BASELINE DESIGN MAV



WINGSPAN • 15 cm
LENGTH • 15 cm
PROP DIA. • 12 cm
MASS • 40 g
AIRSPEED • 10 m/s

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Micro-Jammer - Current Program

1st Generation

1st Generation Prototype

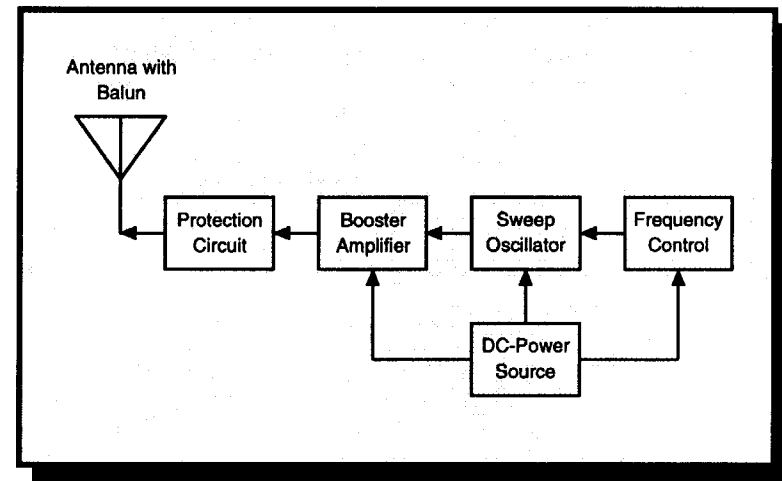
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142 mW Output Power

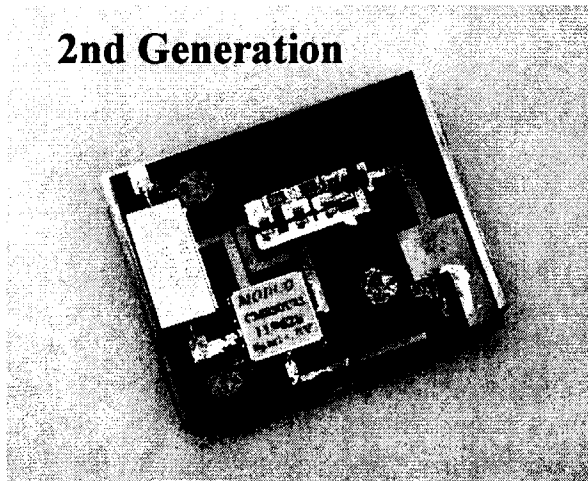
Effectiveness and Survivability Tests

Successful Against SPN-43

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2nd Generation



2nd Generation Prototype

8 Grams w/o Shielding or Antenna

Powered by Two Lithium Flat-Pack Batteries

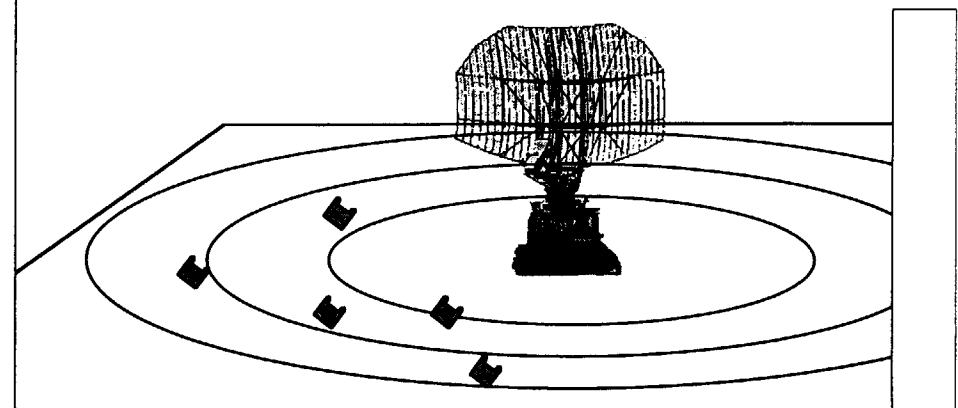
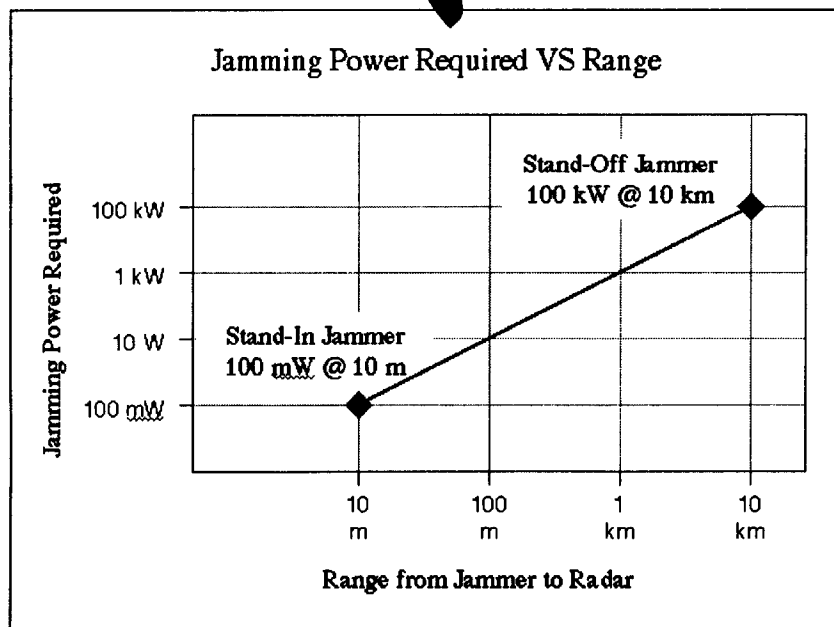
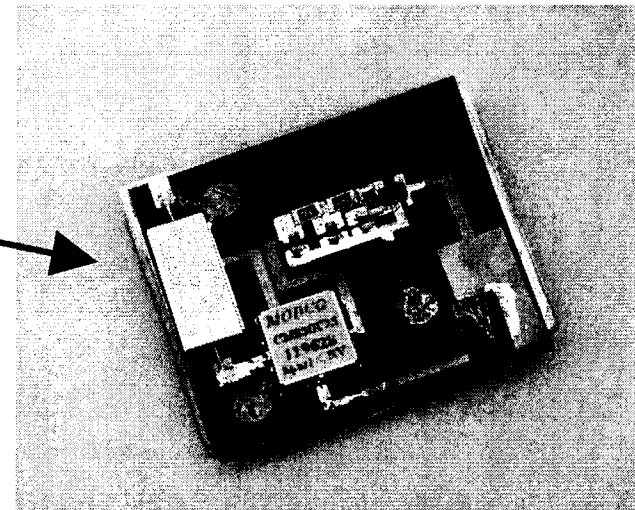
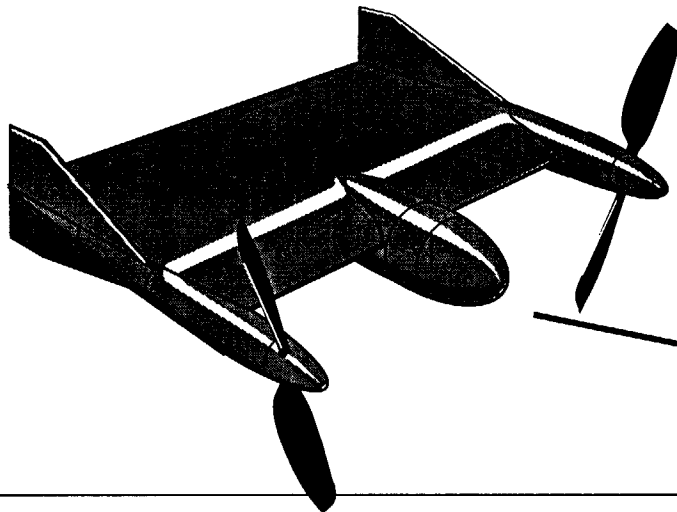
(Behind Circuit Board in Picture)

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Micro-Jammer



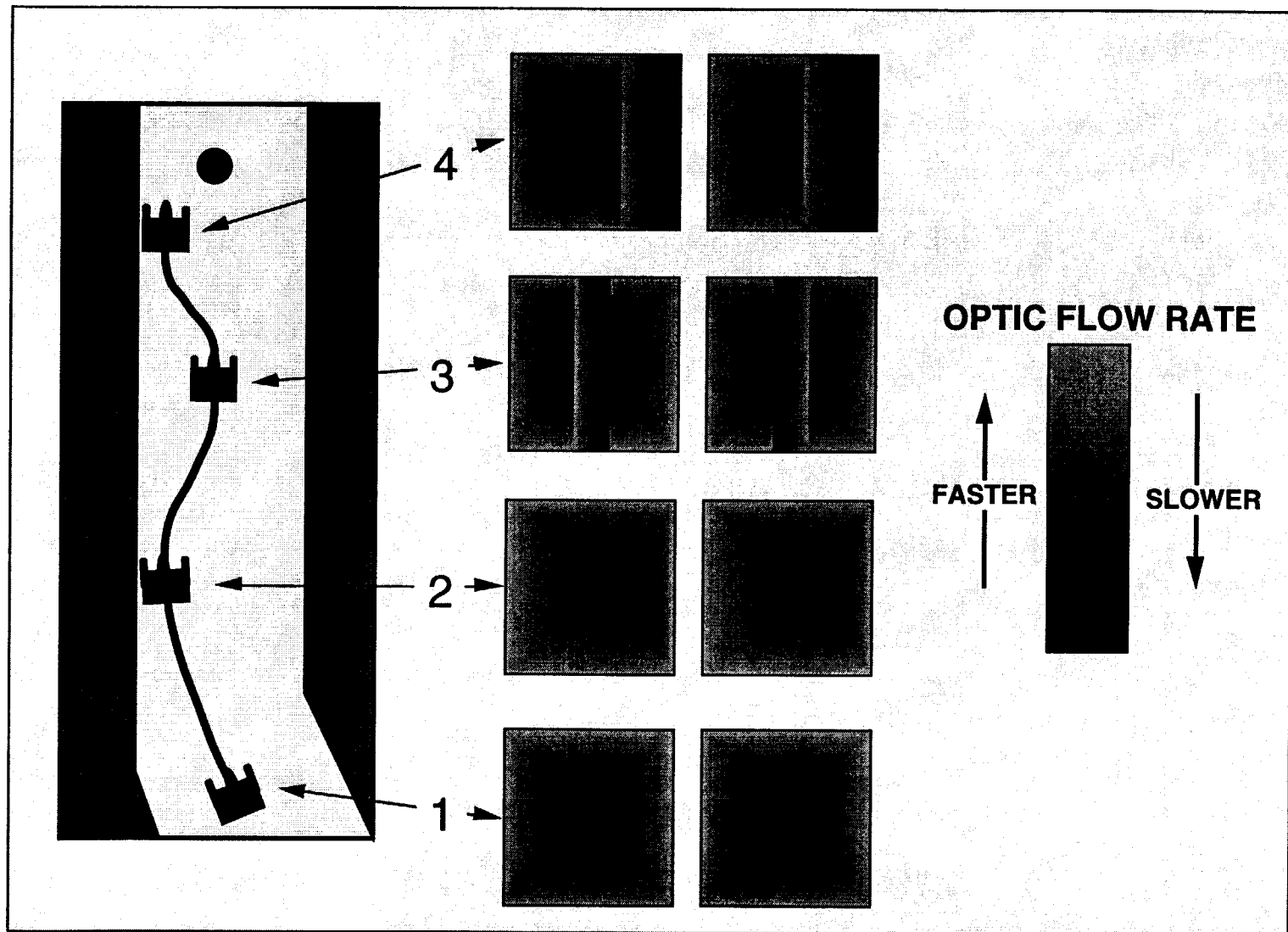
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OPTICAL FLOW for Collision Avoidance and Navigation



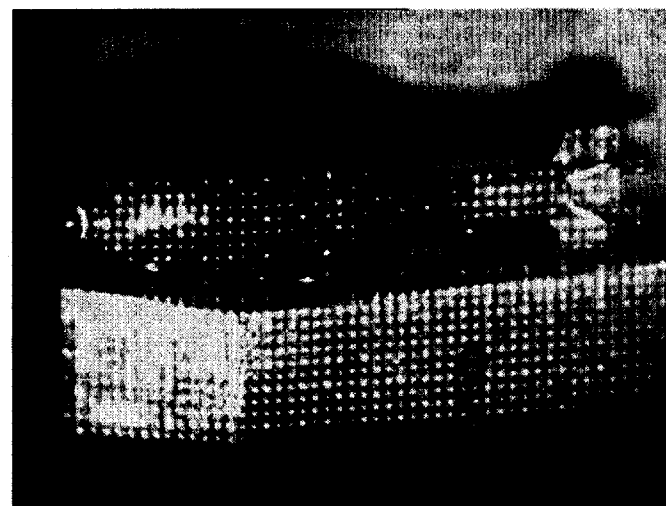
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RANGE BASED VISION FOR NAVIGATION

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AIRCRAFT CONFIGURATIONS

FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

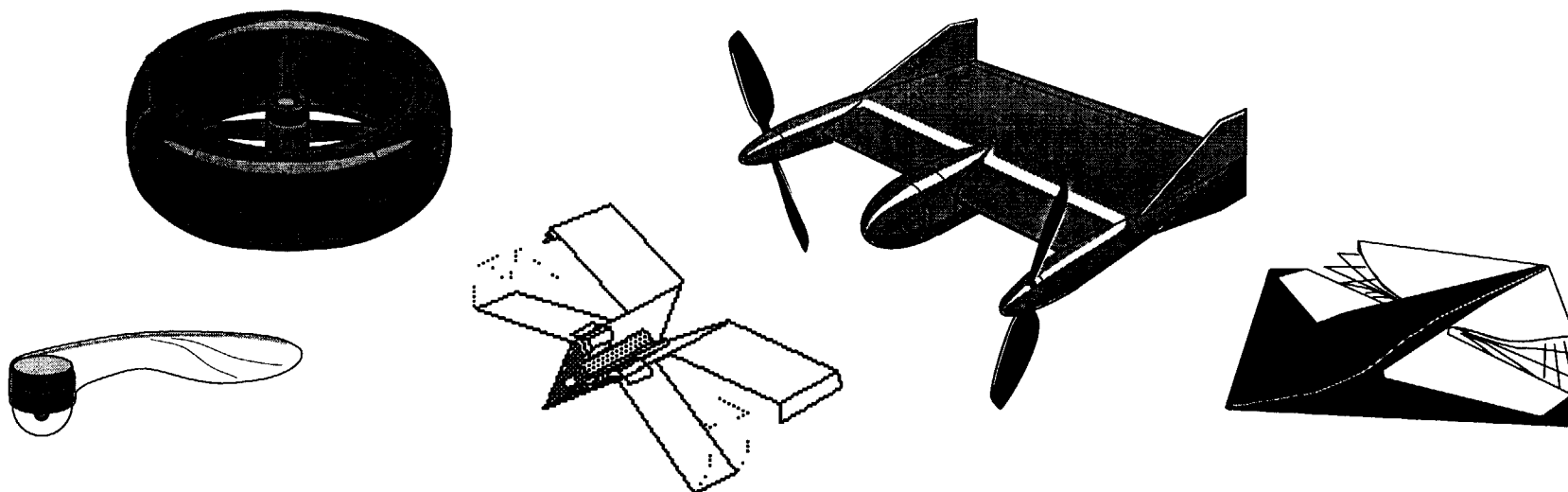
- PROPELLOR SIZE & LOCATION AFFECTS AERODYNAMICS
- FURTHER MINIATURIZATION (LESS THAN 15 CM) REQUIRES WING FLAPPING

PAYLOAD / SENSOR INTEGRATION

- VOLUME VS. MASS LOCATION TRADEOFFS
- AIRFRAME SHAPE AFFECTS ANTENNA PERFORMANCE
- AIRFRAME ITSELF MAY BE THE ANTENNA(S) & BATTERY / FUEL CELL

MISSION PERFORMANCE

- SHAPE DETERMINES DURABILITY, SURVIVABILITY AND PERSONNEL SAFETY

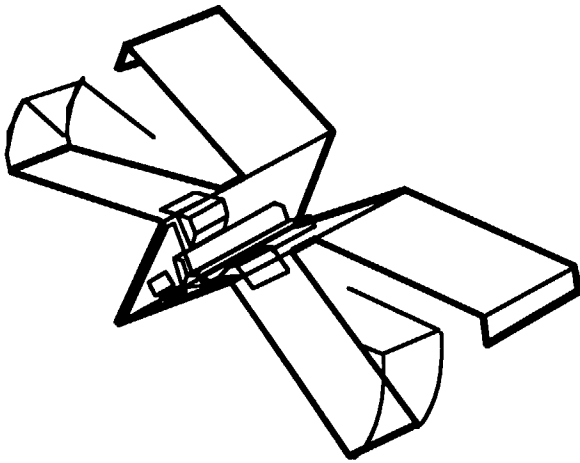


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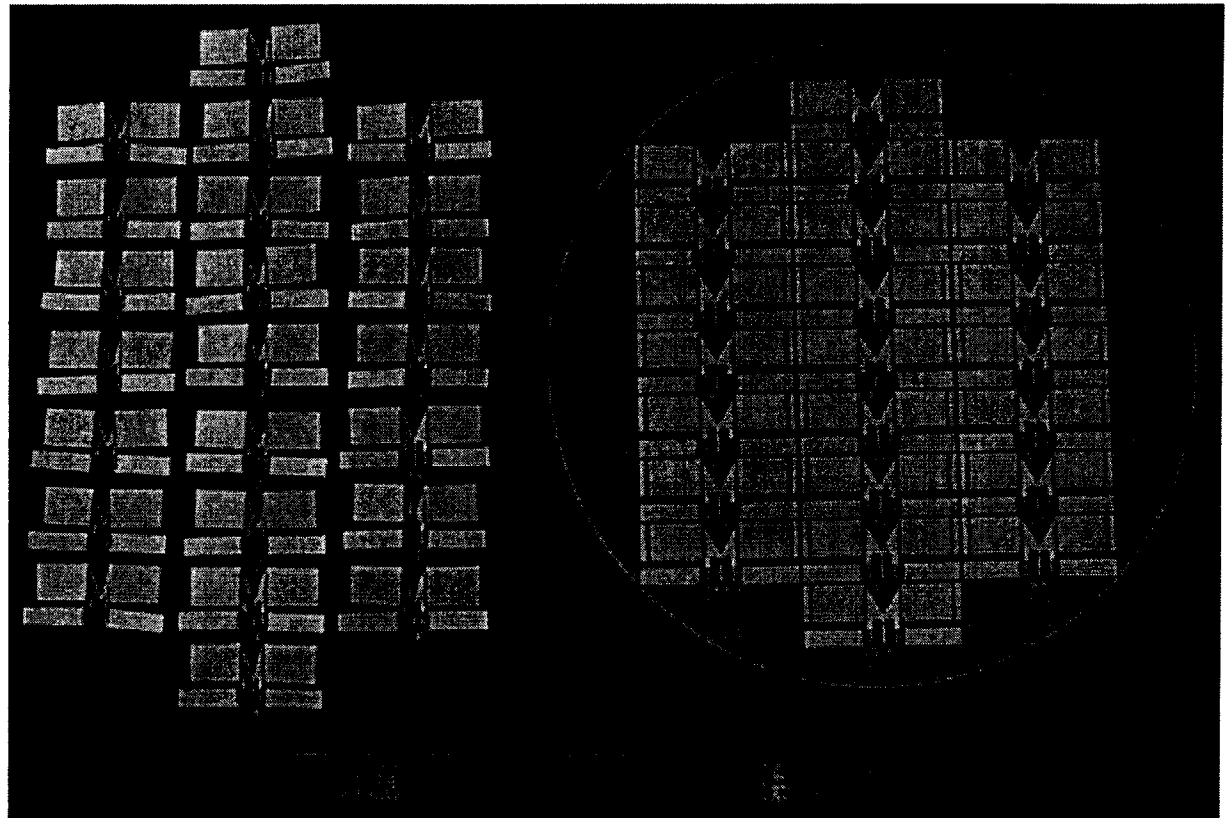


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SILICON BUGS



- POLYIMIDE AIRFRAME
- 1 TO 2 INCH WINGSPAN
- 2M/SEC AIRSPEED
- 50 TO 200 MILLIGRAM WEIGHT
- THIN FILM PIEZOELECTRIC ZNO ACTUATORS
- PROPULSION AND CONTROL VIA FRONT WING FLAPPING



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